

# **Economic Growth**

Fostering more job creation



Delaware's job growth has outpaced that of all of our neighbors since January 2010

**116**%

60,000+<sup>Job</sup>

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Delaware has been ranked second among states best-prepared for the new economy by The Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

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Delaware has the third **strongest economy of all states** according to research by *Governing.com* 

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1,800 Jobs

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## Growth of Key Industries

Thousands of new jobs at **financial services companies** like JP Morgan Chase, Capital One, and Bank of America

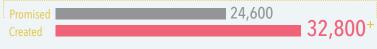
Delaware's family farms sold a record \$1.3 billion in agricultural products - up 19 percent from 2007 - which translates into more than \$7 billion in economic activity.

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The "Buy Local" movement has exploded, with sales at Delaware farmers' markets up 278 percent from 2008 to 2015 - \$800,679 to \$3,029,831.

Companies receiving state grants exceeded job requirements by 25%

Full-time Employment Opportunities



# More opportunities to train for good, high-demand jobs

# Pathways to Prosperity

Nearly 6,000 students working toward career certification and college credit at 38 of state's 44 high schools.

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### **TechHire Program**

Program for computer coding moved >90% of first 4 classes into full-time IT jobs, more than doubling their average salaries.

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#### People with disabilities

Delaware ranks first in helping youth receiving social security disability benefits to successfully transition to employment.

#### At-Risk Youth

In 18 months (1.5 years), Generation's 6-8 week bootcamps have meant better pay and the opportunity for 169 youth to thrive in the health care and customer service industries.

#### Veteran Employment

Unemployment rate for most recent returning veterans dropped from 14.5% (2010) to 5% (2014).